

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

December 2012 – Week 3

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TITLE: RANGER AND THE WHITE SQUAW

DECEMBER 1860 AND A FUTURE GOVERNOR FINDS A LEGEND.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

DECEMBER 18, 1860. ALONG THE PEASE RIVER IN NORTHWEST TEXAS.

SAM HOUSTON HAS SENT TEXAS RANGER SUL ROSS TO STOP COMANCHE RAIDS UNDER CHIEF PETA NOCONA. TRACKING THE INDIANS TO THEIR CAMP, ROSS ATTACKS, KILLING NOCONA AND CAPTURING HIS WHITE WIFE.

SHE IS NONE OTHER THAN THE LEGENDARY CYNTHIA ANN PARKER, TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE COMANCHES 24 YEARS EARLIER. UNABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH AND GRIEVING FOR HER HUSBAND, SHE RESISTS "RESCUE", AND DIES IN 1871.

RANGER SUL ROSS GOES ON TO BECOME GOVERNOR IN 1886 AND LATER PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M.

SUL ROSS FOUND CYNTHIA ANN PARKER 152 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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